

1997 Elvis Invitational Questions by Wisconsin

Tossups

1. In 1563, after marrying the daughter of his artistic mentor, van Ahlesh, he settled in Antwerp. His novel treatment of proverbs in art form, is seen in his "Blind Leading the Blind." His best-known work, though, is the series "The Months," which includes the celebrated "Hunters in the Snow." FTP, name this profound religious painter, by consensus the greatest Netherlandish painter and draughtsman of the 16th Century.

Pieter Breughel the Elder

2. The Samhitas consist of the books "Wisdom of the Verses," "Wisdom of the Sacrificial Formulae," "Wisdom of the Chants" and "Wisdom of the Atharvian Priests." The Brahmanas discuss ritual, the Aranyas are the books studied in the forest and the Upanishads concern the secret teachings of cosmic equations. FTP, give the collective name for these four groups of "books of knowledge", the earliest documents of Indian religion.

the Vedas

3. They travel up to 90 miles between refreshments, and at speed up to 80 miles per hour. Though they are defeated by too harsh a cold winter, keeping them out of much of the country, they are well-suited to the moderate climates of California and Arizona, where they are going to be sold by General Motors as a non-polluting alternative to fossil-fuel cars. FTP, identify the model name of the first mass-produced electric car in the United States.

EV1s (ee-vee-ones) (prompt on early "electric cars")

4. From 810-805 B.C., the Assyrian king was a minor, and his mother was regent. Though she was not particularly vicious, the Assyrians were so frightfully violent in war that the Greeks drew up fantastic legends based on her exploits, creating a woman warrior who founded Babylon and vanished from the earth in the shape of a dove. FTP, name this legendary figure, who was worshipped as a deity similar to Ishtar after her death, and whose name is a corruption of the name of her real precursor, Sannurmat (sah-moo-RAH-mat).

Semiramis (prompt on early Sannurmat)

5. Knowledge based on authority is set aside, because experts, like all people, can be wrong. Knowledge from sensory experience is untrustworthy because a person's senses can be deceived. Knowledge from reasoning is rejected because people can make mistakes in logic, as in mathematical mistakes. Finally, knowledge itself is said to be illusory, since it may come from dreams or insanity, or even demons. Thus the only certainty in the world is contained in the simple phrase "cogito ergo sum" in, FTP, which landmark philosophical work by Rene Descartes?

Meditations on First Philosophy in Which Is Proved the Existence of God and the Immortality of the Soul.

6. In 1550, he was an organist and choirmaster at the Catholic Church in his birthplace, a town from which he took his surname. When the Bishop of that Church became Pope Julius III in 1551, he summoned this composer to Rome as choirmaster of the Capella Giulia (JOO-lee-uh). This man composed his first book of masses in this post before being dismissed for being married. His works include the litanies "Antiphon," "Sacred Madrigals" and "Secular Madrigals." FTP, name this Italian composer of classical church music, litanies and masses.

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

7. As a general for the Athenian army in the Peloponnesian War, he failed, in 424 B.C., to prevent the surrender of the city of Amphipolis (am-FIH-poe-lis) to the Spartan commander Brasidas, and was exiled as a result until the end of the war. Acquainting himself with the Athenians and Spartans, he used this knowledge to interpret the war with reference to the general nature of man rather than outside influences, as previous writers had done. He thus began the traditions of academic in his single incomplete work, "The History of the Peloponnesian War." FTP, name him.

Thucydides

8. A 1985 film concerning this character's youth explains his lifelong aversion to women as a result of pledging everlasting devotion to his slain lady love, who took a bullet meant for him. His archenemy turns out to have been his university fencing instructor, whose underground Egyptian cult was exposed and brought down by this character. The origin of this character's cocaine addiction is discreetly unmentioned, but his pipe and deerstalker cap are explored. FTP, name this famous fictional Baker Street investigator.

Sherlock Holmes

9. The Moors arrived at this archipelago, whose modern capital is Palma, and set up an independent kingdom there which became the seat from which powerful pirates harassed the Mediterranean coastal cities and trade routes. But today, this Mediterranean island group helps the tourist trade, while it also produces fruit, wine, silver filligree and olive oil as major exports. Both Catalan and Castilian Spanish are spoken, FTP, on which island chain, whose largest islands are Ibiza, Minorca and Majorca (mah-YOR-kah)?

the Balearic Islands (Bah-lee-AIR-ic)

10. In addition to its primary constituents, it also usually contains some lead and variable amounts of thorium and rare-earth elements, and often has uraninite crystallized inside it. Greenish, brownish or black in color, it is found in small quantities throughout the world, but is found en masse in the Great Lakes region of Canada, in Zaire and other isolated areas. FTP, name this mineral, composed largely of natural uranium oxide, and a major source of uranium and radium.

pitchblende

11. He was a patron of many struggling authors, but had unfortunate relations with one of them, Samuel Johnson, who condemned him in a famous 1755 letter attacking patrons. Dickens caricatured him as the character Sir John in "Barnaby Rudge." FTP, name this British earl, who received most of this criticism as a result of his series of guides to manners, the art of pleasing and the art of worldly success, compiled in "Letters to His Son" and "Letters to His Godson."

Philip Dormer Stanhope; or, the fourth earl of Chesterfield

12. Many of his later works, particularly the marble "Diana" and "The Bather," reveal his study of antique form. But he became famous through his portrait sculpture, attested by the many countries to which he was invited to immortalize famous citizens --full-length statues of George Washington and Voltaire, as well as portrait busts of Thomas Jefferson and Jean-Jacques Rousseau, among others, are all his. FTP, name this French neoclassicist sculptor.

Jean-Antoine Houdon (oo-DOAN)

13. In the second century, it was one of the great religions of the Roman Empire, because its chief deity was seen by legion members as an ideal divine comrade and fighter in the struggle between good and evil. The story of this eponymous deity's capture and sacrifice of a sacred bull, from whose body all beneficent things on earth sprang, was a critical central myth. FTP, name this religion, which was doomed by its restriction to men only, meaning its practitioners often had Christian wives and Christian children, and whose eponymous deity was also honored in the name of a king of Pontus who fought several wars with Rome.

Mithraism (prompt on Mithra or Mithradates)

14. In physics, this word is used to describe the coefficients of the multipole expansion of a charge distribution's electric and magnetic potentials. This word also describes a similar integral over a mass distribution, which yields a quantity needed to calculate the distribution's kinetic energy of rotation around some axis. In this use, the word is followed by "of inertia." This word also signifies a brief interval of time, of unspecified length, and you may want to take a few of them before you answer. FTP, what six-letter word is being described?

moment

15. On the death this title character's mistress, her mistress' son, Mr. B., begins a series of mild stratagems designed to end in this girl's seduction. These failing, he abducts her and renews his siege in earnest. She spurns his advances and, halfway through the novel, Mr. B. offers marriage. In the second half, the young woman wins over those who disapproved of her misalliance and virtue. Thus, as the novel's alternate title suggests, virtue is rewarded in, FTP, which 1740 epistolary novel by Samuel Richardson?

Pamela (prompt on early "virtue is rewarded")

16. He helped establish the conventions of the "opera seria," perfecting the "aria del capo" and the three-part overture. After being appointed master of the royal chapel, composing opera for the royal palace and chamber music for the aristocracy in Naples in 1684, he was also active in Florence, Rome and Venice, writing over 100 operas of which "Mitridate Eupatore" (MIT-rih-DAH-tee U-pah-TOR-ee) and "Il Tigrane" (tih-GRAH-nee) are considered his finest. FTP, name this 17th Century Italian composer.

Alessandro Scarlatti

17. In New England, it died out rapidly, but in the middle colonies, it thrived under the preachings of Presbyterians instructed by William and Glibert Tennent, and unified into a full-fledged movement during the tours of George Whitefield. Before it ran its course, it led to the foundation of a number of academies, including Princeton, Brown, Rutgers and Dartmouth, and generated the first important movement against slavery. FTP, name this 18th Century American religious movement.

the Great Awakening

18. David Levinson is a brilliant MIT grad content to work in an unambitious technician's job while pining after his former wife, who left him to help run a national political campaign. Stephen Hiller is a marine who is ready to make a more serious commitment to his girlfriend, but is recalled from leave before he can follow through. Tom Whitmore is a Gulf War veteran who must learn to be a forceful and decisive political leader. These vivid personal stories are set against the sweeping backdrop of world war in, FTP, which 1996 film whose ad copy warned us not to make any plans for August?

Independence Day (prompt on ID4)

19. FAQTP, name the French economist whose eponymous law states that overpopulation and unemployment are impossible because supply creates its own demand.

Jean Baptiste Say

20. Long before Nancy Reagan and Hillary Clinton had new age spiritual advisors and seers at the ear of leaders of government, this man often performed the same function for King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. He interpreted two dreams for the King, including one which seemed to foretell that the King was going to go mad. He even interpreted the handwriting on the wall at Belshazzar's feast. The eponymous character is himself rewarded, when he is allowed to escape the lion's den into which his perceived troublemaking gets him thrown. FTP, name this man, or the book of the Bible in which he appears.

Daniel

21. In Greek mythology, she was the daughter of Tantalus and wife of Amphion. Mother of six sons and daughters, she boasted of her fruitfulness, saying that she was more fertile even than Leto, who had only two children. Unfortunately for this woman, those two children were Artemis and Apollo, who, in the ultimate revenge for a yo' mama snap, killed all of her children. Crying inconsolably, she fled to Mt. Sipylus, where Zeus turned her into a perpetually weeping stone image. FTP, name this Queen of Thebes, who learned the hard way never to insult someone whose children are gods.

Niobe

22. Either of two answers is acceptable. In real life, the Romans did not invade until after this powerful first-century king's death, during the reign of his sons Togodumnus and Caractacus (toh-goh-DUM-nus,

care-rock-TACK-us). Also, there was no Posthumus around to muster and lead the king's army, and the Britains lost. In the play, however, things turn out much more happily, as Britain, with this king on the throne and the heroic Posthumus coming out of exile to lead the army, turns back the invasion. FTP, name this king, who, with some alteration to history and name, is also the title character of a comedy by William Shakespeare.

Cunobelinus (cyew-no-beh-LEE-nus) or _Cymbeline_

23. This theory was advanced by J. J. Becher late in the 17th Century, popularized by G. E. Stahl and supported by scientists as eminent as Joseph Priestly even after Lavoisier's experiments with oxygen severely weakened it. It posited that only the ashes of a burned item constituted its pure material, as, before burning, an odorless, colorless, tasteless, weightless substance was also an integral part of the item, and was the fuel which allowed it to burn. FTP, name this substance and its theory, which violates conservation of energy.

the _phlogiston_ (flow-JIS-ton) theory

24. In the 17th Century, when this term was coined, it merely distinguished an instrumental piece from a piece with voice. As instrumental work grew more specialized, so did this term, splitting into a "de chiesa" (church) form and a "de camera" (chamber) form. Sammartini, C. P. E. Bach and Paradies developed the "rococo" variety, which then developed into the classical one, in three movements (slow, fast, slow), with a minuet or scherzo inserted before the last, perfected by Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. FTP, name this musical form, of which Beethoven's "Moonlight" is a well-known example.

sonata

25. He succeeded his father as grand historian at the court of the Han emperor Wu. There, he took up a project which so displeased the emperor that this man suffered the punishment of castration, rejecting the alternative of committing suicide in order to complete his work. That book, a history in 130 chapters of all regions and people known to the Chinese at that time, was the "Shih Chi" (records of the historian), which served as a model for later dynastic histories. FTP, name this man, sometimes called the Father of Chinese History.

Ssu-ma Chien

26. The setting named in the title is believed to be inspired by the site at Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, where the author himself is now buried. It is unnamed in the work, but is now associated with such lines as "Full many a flower is born to blush unseen," "Far from the Madding Crowd's ignoble Strife" and "the paths of glory lead but to the grave." The piece is a lament about villagers of all walks whose lives may have been stunted by poverty or ignorance, or both, a fate which saddens the author greatly. FTP, name this work by Thomas Gray.

An _Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard_

27. FAQTP, what would you be measuring if you were using a diagnostic device called a sphygmomanometer (sfig-mom-man-OM-meter)?

blood pressure

28. The village of North Tarrytown, New York, has recently been hit hard by the closing of an auto plant. To help offset the economic effects of the shutdown, the town hopes to attract more tourist dollars with a new image and a new name. Though it has never been proven, the people of North Tarrytown believe their little burg was the inspiration and model for the stomping grounds of Katrina Van Tassel and Abraham Van Brunt in a famous short story; and they finally changed the name of their town to match that of the tale's setting. FTP, identify North Tarrytown's new name, made popular in a story from "The Sketch Book" by Washington Irving as the home of Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman.

Sleepy Hollow (accept also _The Legend of Sleepy Hollow_)

1997 Elvis Invitational Questions by Wisconsin Bonuses

1. (30) In each of the following pairs, one of the two has won a Nobel Prize in literature. F5P each, and a 10 point bonus for all four, identify which.

- a. Hideki Yukawa, Yasumari Kawabata Kawabata
- b. Giosse Carducci, Giordano Bruno Carducci
- c. Gabriela Mistral, Frederic Mistral Gabriela Mistral
- d. Miguel Asturias, Paul Auster Asturias

2. (30) Name these artists, after a brief description, F10P each.

a. This founding member of the British Royal Academy was actually an American living in Europe, painter of "Death on a Pale Horse" and "Death of General Wolfe"

Benjamin West

b. This portrait painter to the privileged and famous had sons Raphaele, Rembrandt, Rubens and Titian who were also artists; he himself painted Raphaele and Titian in the life-sized "The Staircase Group"

Charles Wislon Peale

c. This portraitist and painter of "Brook Watson and the Shark" shares his first two names with the modern feature film director of "Poetic Justice" and the upcoming "Rosewood."

John Singleton Copley

3. (30) Films set in the British Isles showcase two of the performances by actresses which are generating a lot of award notice and Oscar buzz. F15P each:

a. name the actress, featured as the mother of Brad Pitt's character in "A River Runs through It" in 1992, who won a 1996 Golden Globe award as best actress in a drama for her performance as a mother who rediscovers a child she gave up long before in Mike Leigh's "Secrets & Lies."

Brenda Blethyn

b. Name the actress who plays the simple, mentally slow Scottish girl asked to do very unusual and even unspeakable things by her paralyzed husband in Lars Von Trier's "Breaking the Waves."

Emily Watson

4. (20) F10P each, name the physical law or equation obtained by doing the following:

a. applying the law of conservation of mechanical energy to an ideal static or dynamic fluid.

Bernoulli's equation

b. applying the principle of shortest travel time to light crossing a boundary between different media.

Snell's Law of Refraction

5. (30) Identify these great works of German drama after a brief plot description for 15 points, or for 10 if you need the author.

a. 15: It concerns the title character, a teutonic knight who does battle with various feudal governments, and makes observations about rulers and power in general along the way.

10: J. W. von Goethe

Goetz von Berlichingen (GERHTZ von ber-LICK-in-JEN)

b. 15: Within the context of a dispute over land claimed by two countries after World War II, it concerns a custody battle between two women over a child.

10: Bertolt Brecht

The _Caucasian Chalk Circle_

6. (30) Name the type of composition described, F10P each.

a. Its "grosso" form has a small group of solo players contrasted with a full orchestra ensemble; the solo kind, usually with a piano or violin as the solo instrument backed by a full orchestra, is also popular.

concerto

b. From the French for "night music," it is a romantic instrumental piece, usually reflective or languid in character, with few formal restrictions. Chopin wrote 19 of them for the piano and Debussy one for orchestra.

nocturne

c. A moderate 3/4 time dance composition in slow, stately movements, it evolved from peasant and court processions of the late 16th Century; in a patriotic fervor for his native land caused by his exile, Chopin wrote 13 of these.

polonaise

7. (30) F10P each, answer the following about the Biblical tribes of Israel.

a. The Davidic line of kings, which led ultimately to Jesus, was the product of which tribe?

Judah or _Judea_

b. Which mate of Jacob bore the child Judah, eponym of the Judah tribe?

Leah or _Lia_

c. This tribe, named after a son of Joseph, was the tribe composed of those who would become the Jewish people, and it is sometimes used poetically to refer to all of Israel.

Ephraim

8. (30) Name the creator of the following pairs of literary title characters, F10P each.

a. Pamela, Clarissa
Samuel _Richardson_

b. Humphrey Clinker, Peregrine Pickle
Tobias (George) _Smollett_

c. Evelina, Cecilia
Frances (Fanny) Burney or D'Arblay

9. 30-20-10 Name the project to which all the following contributed

30: Giovanni Del Dolci, 1473-81
20: Botticelli, 1481-83, Raphael, designs executed 1515-19
10: Michelangelo, 1508-12

the building and decoration of the Sistine Chapel

10. One starts high in the Australian Alps just inside Victoria before flowing westward -- defining the border of Victoria and New South Wales for several miles until it empties into the ocean in South Australia. The other is the result of the confluence of the Culgoa, Bogan, MacQuarie, Namoi and Barwon rivers that flows steadily south through New South Wales until it joins with the first river at the town of Wentworth. For 10 points for 1 or 25 for both, identify these two rivers that -- when combined -- for the 17th longest riverway in the world.

Answers: Murray
Darling

11. "The people have spoken," declared Loretta Sanchez upon her victory. Seems that the man she defeated in a 1996 California District Congressional race wasn't listening -- as he spent up to \$7,000 of his own money trying to declare the election a fraud.

a. First -- for 10 points, name him.

Answer: Robert (Bob) Dornan

b. Dornan was trying desperately to retain his position in what Congressional District in California?

Answer: The 46th

12. (30) For the stated number of points, give the title shared by each pair of works -- the subject of the works need not be the same.

5 points: An 1874 opera by Modest Mussorgsky and an 1831 play by Alexander Pushkin, both about a Russian czar.

Boris Gudonov

10 points: A series of allegorical prints by Hans Holbein the Younger showing a procession of living and dead figures intermingled, and an August Strindberg play about the strains on a marriage between an old man and a younger woman.

Dance of Death

15 points: a series of satirical engravings aimed against the bombast of society by William Hogarth, and a supreme restoration comedy of singular sophisticated wit by John Dryden.

Marriage a la Mode

13. (30) F5P each, and a 10 point for all four, match each of the following ancient philosophers with the substance or thing of which he believed all things were composed

philosophers: Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes, Heraclitus

things or substances: air, water, fire, the Apeiron

_Thales - water,
Anaximander - the Apeiron,
Anaximenes - air,
Heraclitus - fire_

14 (30) F10P each, name these famous people, who all died in interesting ways.

a: This codifier of analytic geometry died of pneumonia caused by being forced to tutor and present for Queen Christina of Sweden in a damp, chilly room at five a.m.

Rene _Descartes_

b: This Italian-born composer of _Alceste_ and _Armide_ died of an infection contracted through a wound he inflicted upon himself when he accidentally stabbed himself in the foot with his own conducting stick.

Giovanni Battista (Jean Baptiste) _Lully_

c: This first dynastic king of Egypt, who had his capital at Memphis, was killed by a hippopotamus.

Menes (also accept Min, Mena, Meni, Scorpion, Aha and Narmer -- WHEW!)

15. (30) For ten points each, answer these questions about benzene.

a. What term describes the strain-free puckered configuration of benzene?

-- _chair_ configuration

b. For five points each, name the two types of hydrogens contained in a chair configuration.

-- _axial_, _equatorial_

c. What is the term that describes the molecular motion which interconverts axial and equatorial positions.

-- _ring flip_

16. (30) When stage musicals are adapted for the screen, new songs are often added for creative reasons, or to win awards for the film (since only songs written originally for the film are eligible for motion picture awards). F10P each, name each of the following songs added to a film adaptation of a major musical.

a. This song, sung by Olivia Newton John in the film version of "Grease," was nominated for an Academy Award. _Hopelessly Devoted to You_

b. This song was the only one added to the 1985 film version of "A Chorus Line," and it was also nominated for an Academy Award. _Surprise, Surprise_

c. This original song, added for the film adaptation of "Evita," won a 1996 Golden Globe award as best original song. _You Must Love Me_

17. (30) In order to halt the German blitzkrieg into France, the French commander formed a line of defense from the channel coast to the Maginot Line, along the Somme and Aisne rivers. For fifteen points, identify this line, which was named after the French commander.

--_Weygand_Line

The Weygand Line was made up of a checkerboard of defensive positions, which were supposed to be garrisoned with troops and armed with anti-tank weapons. Although the theory was excellent, in practice it failed due to a critical shortage of weapons and supplies. For fifteen points, what were these positions called, which were named after spiny mammals, similiar in appearance to porcupines?

--_Hedgehogs_

18. Most people are familiar with the mega-egos in the personal computer world, Bill Gates and Steve Jobs. But name these technogeeks for ten each.

a. CEO of Oracle corporation, his mansion is built in the style of a Japanese villa, complete with a moat of pufferfish.

Larry_Ellison_

b. President of upstart company Be, Inc, this frenchman formerly worked at Apple where he designed their "Multi-Finder" user interface.

Jean-Louis_Gasse_(GA-SEE)

c. This Finn in his early twenties wrote a UNIX-based operating system with nearly two million users in his spare time; a few months after its release, he got a computer with enough disk space to hold the code.

Linus_Torvalds_(operating system is called "Linux)

20. (25) For five points each, match the Normandy invasion beach with the Allied power that landed there.

Omaha - U.S.

Sword - Great Britain

Utah - U.S.

Juno - Canada

Gold - Great Britain

21.(20) As a result of the discovery of gold on the Rand in the 1880's, scores of foreigners flocked to the Transvaal to work in the mines. For ten points, what were they called by the ruling Boers?

--_uitlanders_

For another ten points, what was the Transvaal parliament called?

--_Raad_

22. (30) Often a piece of classical music will have a subtitle or be known by some other name. For instance, Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 has the subtitle "From the New World" and Mozart's String Serenade in G is better known as Eine Kleine Nachtmusik. For ten points each, give the subtitle or better known name of the following pieces.

a) Schubert's Symphony No. 8 - the _Unfinished_

b) Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21 - _Elvira Madigan_

c) Shostakovich's Symphony No. 7 - _Leningrad_